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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2016 10:23 AM
To: HarborComments <HarborComments@epa.gov>
Subject: We need a river our kids can swim in

Dear Administrator Gina McCarthy,

I was a founding member of the Portland Harbor Superfund citizen advisory group back in 2000 while I was ED of Physicians for Social Responsibility and a Director of the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. I quit after a year because it was apparent to me that the process would be long, drawn out, and dominated by the PRPs who would invest whatever it took to shirk their responsibilities to clean up the harbor. The EPA's recommended plan proves me right.

The plan you came up with does not give us back a river we can swim in or eat fish out of. If this is all you can do, you wasted 16 years and millions of dollars. You let the polluters off the hook. This is why people hate government.

Does personal responsibility only apply to poor people? Make the rich corporations (and the city and port) take responsibility for their actions.

It's not too late to redeem yourselves! You could make good on the Superfund promise by revising the plan in the following ways:

1. Select Alternative G.
2. Set much clearer timelines and measures of success, including setting an explicit date by which Portland Harbor specific fish consumption advisories will be lifted.
3. Select an alternative that allows all members of our community to eat fish safely from our river, including woman of childbearing age and children.
4. Include in the plan the heavily contaminated uplands as well as the heavily contaminated river.
5. Ensure the jobs and other benefits associated with the Superfund process accrue to the local community and particularly to underserved communities that have been impacted by contamination in Portland Harbor.
6. Eliminate the confined disposal facility which would create a permanent toxic waste dump in our river.

7. Restore a river you would want your child to swim in.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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